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AMENDMENT

In response to the Office Action dated 08/13/2003, please amend the above-identified application as shown below:

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A process for the preparation of dimethylcumenes comprising:
alkylating a substrate comprising one or more xylene isomers with an alkylating agent in the presence of a solid acid zeolite catalyst selected from the group consisting of